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LETTER DATED 10 MARCH 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the violations of the cease-fire provisions and of the terms governing the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side during the period from 1 to 28 February 1994.

1 February 1994

At 1310 hours, a group of some 15 to 20 persons from the Iranian side was seen inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post engaging in mortar-weapons training at coordinates 518529 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris).

3 February 1994

At 1600 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat with five military personnel on board put to sea from Abadan harbour. At 1630 hours, it returned to its point of departure carrying the same persons.

4 February 1994

At 1100 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat was seen at coordinates 055680 (1:100,000 map of Saybah) with four civilians on board, one of whom filmed the Iraqi coast with a video camera. At 1130 hours, it returned to Abadan harbour carrying the same persons.

5 February 1994

At 1000 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat left Muhammarah harbour for Abadan harbour with five military personnel on board.

6 February 1994

At 1345 hours, a number of Iranian soldiers were seen inside the area of separation opposite the radio station carrying out maintenance work on a communications trench at coordinates 0095 (1:100,000 map of Tib).

7 February 1994

(a) At 1200 hours, some 15 to 20 Iranian soldiers were observed inside the area of separation opposite the Iraqi units at coordinates 0095 (1:100,000 map of Tib) carrying out maintenance work on positions and surrounding them with barbed wire.

(b) At 1500 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat put to sea from Abadan harbour with nine persons on board, five of them military personnel including an officer of the rank of captain. One of them was carrying field-glasses and looking towards the Iraqi side. At 1630 hours, it returned to its point of departure carrying the same persons.

8 February 1994

At 0930 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat put to sea from Abadan harbour with two military personnel on board. At 1130 hours, it returned to its point of departure carrying the same persons.

9 February 1994

At 1130 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat put to sea from Abadan harbour with four civilians on board. At 1230 hours, it returned to its point of departure carrying the same persons.

10 February 1994

(a) At 0900 hours, some 10 Iranian soldiers were seen inside the area of separation opposite the Bajaliyah post carrying out maintenance work on the Iranian positions at coordinates 346782 (1:100,000 map of Tib).

(b) At 1350 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat was seen approaching Abadan harbour from the sea with three military personnel on board.

11 February 1994

At 0900 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat put to sea from Abadan harbour with three military personnel on board. At 1200 hours, it returned to its point of departure carrying the same persons.

12 February 1994

(a) At 0900 hours, a 120-millimetre mortar shell was fired from the Iranian side and exploded on landing inside the area of separation at coordinates 0069 (1:100,000 map of Saybah).

(b) At 0900 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat put to sea from Abadan harbour with 10 military personnel on board.

(c) At 0925 hours, a group of some 20 to 25 persons from the Iranian side was observed inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post carrying out

maintenance work on the bunkers at coordinates 514501 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris).

13 February 1994

(a) At 1430 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat with three military personnel on board was observed heading out to sea from Abadan harbour. It then set a course parallel to the Iraqi coast; and at 1530 hours it returned to its point of departure carrying the same persons.

(b) At 1530 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat with two military personnel on board set out from Muhammarah harbour towards Abadan harbour.

17 February 1994

At 1125 hours, a group of some four to seven persons from the Iranian side was observed inside the area of separation opposite the Iraqi Ammash border post digging a trench behind the Iranian Oil Company installation at coordinates 420568 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris).

18 February 1994

An Iranian tug flying the Iranian flag and an Iranian military fibreglass patrol boat with two persons in military uniform on board were seen coming from Abadan harbour towards Muhammarah harbour.

21 February 1994

At 0800 hours, a group of some 30 persons from the Iranian side accompanied by an ambulance came out of the Iranian Arshidah post at coordinates 614339 (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah), headed towards a point inside the area of separation opposite the Iraqi post at coordinates 589347 (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah) and there set about digging positions. At 0950 hours, they returned to their point of departure.

22 February 1994

At 0730 hours, a group of some 40 Iranian soldiers accompanied by an ambulance came out from behind the Iranian Tawus post at coordinates 582388 (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah), headed for a point inside the area of separation opposite the Iraqi Tahrir post at coordinates 576399 (1:100,000 map of Hawr al-Hawizah) and there set about digging positions in a number of locations towards the Iranian rear. At 1145 hours, they returned to their point of departure.

24 February 1994

At 1045 hours, a group of some three persons from the Iranian side carrying rifles was seen inside the area of separation at coordinates 008309 (1:100,000 map of Khazinah) on the Iranian side making observations of the Iraqi units at coordinates 008108 (1:100,000 map of Khazinah).

27 February 1994

(a) At 0915 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat with three civilians on board put to sea from Abadan harbour.

(b) At 1400 hours, an Iranian military patrol boat with five civilians on board put to sea from Abadan harbour. At 1430 hours, it returned to its point of departure carrying the same persons.

28 February 1994

At 0930 hours, a group of some seven persons from the Iranian side was seen inside the area of separation opposite the Fakkah post carrying out maintenance work on the bunkers at coordinates 514501 (1:100,000 map of Shaykh Faris).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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